

HB 6645

My Name is Stacy LaPerriere from Watertown. I am a lifelong resident of CT and I have a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

I oppose HB 6645, ***AN ACT CONCERNING COMPASSIONATE AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS.*** *Our community can be far better served if we assist medical researchers and physicians to continue to research ways to provide comfort during someone's remaining days on earth.*

The end of one's life is often a time to bring a family together and to allow closure to the ones who will be left behind as well as those dying. If we allow assisted suicide, it will many times be exercised without the knowledge of the family.

Imagine if your mother, brother or even adult child learns of a terminal condition and out of fear of suffering kills themselves without your knowledge. Perhaps you've argued recently, now you can never reconcile. You may also never have a chance to say goodbye or get one last hug. This is such a final step. It does not allow for mistakes.

Please oppose HB 6645. In an effort to stop suffering, I fear you will actually create more for both the dying and those left behind. I fear that if this bill is passed you may receive many more emails of distressed family who have lost a love one with your assistance. Thank you.